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SUBJECT: DANISH OFFICIAL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EC-ARAB DIALGOUE

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SUMMARY. DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR SAYS THAT

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HIS COUNTRY AND THE NETHERLANDS IS NOT BASIC REASON FOR DELAY IN PROCEEDING WITH EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. FUNDAMENTAL REASON IN HIS VIEW IS EC RELUCTANCE TO COMPLIATE FURTHER THEIR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH US. END SUMMARY

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH ON APRIL 23, DCM NOTED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DECISION WAS MADE LAST WEEK AT EC MEETING IN BONN NOT TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH EC-ARAB DIALOGUE BECAUSE DUTCH AND DANES WERE STILL BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY ARAB OIL PRODUCERS. BORCH REPLIED THAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DUTCH AND DANES WAS NOT THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE. SOME WITHIN THE NINE, HE SAID, CLEARLY ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH THAT VIEW, THINK THAT THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WITH THE US IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF EC RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST.

2. US-EC RELATIONSHIP IS FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE, AND EUROPEANS DO NOT WANT TO "EMBARRASS" ANYONE, BORCH STATED. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF THINGS WHICH HAVE TO BE IRONED OUT BEFORE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON EC-ARAB DIALOGUE. SCHEEL, WHO HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THIS EFFORT, IS LEAVING AND HIS SUCCESSOR WILL NEED TIME TO ADJUST TO HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EC-ARAB DIALOGUE WILL ONLY COME TO FRUITION SLOWLY. SECRETARY KISSINGER, HE OBSERVED, HAS SPENT MUCH TIME RECENTLY DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH HIS EC COUNTERPARTS. FORTHCOMING FRENCH ELECTIONS WILL ALSO DELAY ANY MOVEMENT ON EC SIDE. THERE IS A CLEAR WISH AMONG EUROPEANS TO GO FORWARD BUT CERTAINLY NOT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW EEKS, HE CONCLUDED.. CROWE

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